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The following is a translation of a copy of [REDACTED] a letter from the Iraqi Ministry of Defense to the Council of Ministers regarding additional expenditure by the Ministry of Defense on account of the Iraqi forces recently sent to Syria:

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¹⁹From the Ministry of Defense,

Director General of Military Accounts.

To : Chief of the Office of the Council of Ministers.

Ref. No: D/121/8/237.

Date : 20 May 1951.

Subject: Additional Expenses Incurred Through the Dispatch of a Military Force to Syria

- "1. Following the Government's decision to send a small military force to Syria, part of that force has already been dispatched as a temporary measure.
- "2. It is quite clear that the dispatch of some units of the RIAF and the Army outside the country will necessitate additional expenses, not foreseen when the estimates for the 1951 budget were made. These cannot be considered ordinary maintenance expenses which could be appropriated from the sums that will be provided for in the general Budget Law, Chapter 9 (Ministry of Defense).
- "3. These additional expenses are of two sorts:
 - a. For supplies.
 - b. For the maintenance of aircraft and mechanical vehicles.

At this stage it is impossible to assess the cost exactly, as that is contingent on the number of men, aircraft, and vehicles which will operate in Syria, and the period of their presence there.

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- "4. It will be realized that the absence of officers, NCO's and men, and some followers and civilian employees from their homes and families will cause them extra expense. This Ministry recommends, therefore, that they be granted the following allowances to cover their additional expenses during the whole period of their stay outside Iraq:
- a. Officers of all ranks: 40 percent of their pay.
 - b. Warrant officers and volunteer and conscript NCO's: ID.2/000 per month.
 - c. Volunteers and conscripts)
 - d. Civil laborers) ID.1/500 per month.
 - e. Followers, such as sweepers and servants)
- "5. On this basis, the monthly cost of these allowances alone for the force that has been actually sent will amount to about ID.1,085/000 (one thousand and eighty-five Dinars). This expenditure will increase if any additional forces are sent later.
- "6. The difference between the cost of rations at Syrian prices and the cost at the price fixed in Iraq, and the other expenses of fuel and accessories for the aircraft and mechanical vehicles, cannot be assessed at this stage. It is requested, therefore, that the question be submitted to the Council of Ministers for their approval of:
- a. The grant of additional allowances in the ratio explained in sub-Paragraphs a,b,c,d, and e of Paragraph 3 above for the whole period for which this force, and any other force sent later, remains in Syria.
 - b. An increase in the Ministry of Defense budget for 1951 to cover the expenses that will be incurred in this operation.

Signed: Minister of Defense.

"Copy to:

The Ministry of Finance - please make your observations to the Office of the Council of Ministers."

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